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## INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants thank Examiner Winkler for the telephone interviews with the undersigned on December 18, 2001 and December 20, 2001. During those conversations, various limitations to the homology claims were discussed. Limitations regarding the ability of COCH5B2 to bind fibrillar collagens, and/or limitations to various domains of the COCH5B2 polypeptide were discussed, and allowable claim amendments were agreed upon.

Respectfully submitted,

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